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News about ENews

[Dear Cedar Laners.](#)

Thanks to all of you who supplied helpful feedback this past week. We have learned much about what doesn't work and are hoping we have now found what does. Again, your input is very much appreciated. Our plan remains to send out on Fridays a newsletter bulletin by email. We will insert a modified version of the information in the order of service on Sunday. We are still searching for an appropriate name for this enterprise. We have received many suggestions, along with suggestions that we should keep the name simple. The staff will be trying out various titles to figure out what works. Please send articles to be included in the Friday ENews newsletter by the Wednesday of that week. Thanks, Sara Deshler and Corinne Woodward.

Service this Sunday

September 6, 2009 10 a.m. only

"The Grim Reaper in Uniform: Chasing Death ... and Meaning ... on the Battlefield"

Bob Steck, educator, consultant, writer

Our views of death in some ways determine how we view and fight wars, and our experience of war shapes our view of death. I see these issues in a context of meaning, ethics, and political philosophy.

Music planned for this Sunday worship, Cedar Laner David Meredith will return with his guitar to sing *Where Have All the Flowers Gone?* and *Let Them In*. We will be singing the hymns "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" and "Now is the Time Approaching."

Upcoming Sunday Services-Return to Two Services

September 13, 2009

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

"This Place Has Been Waiting for Us!"

In-Gathering and Annual Water Communion

Revs. Susan Archer, Roger Fritts, Heather Janules, and Archene Turner

This morning we will re-gather for our new congregational year! It is a time for all of us to come and worship together, for children and adults of all ages to join in a celebration of our hopes for our Cedar Lane community and of our love for one another. **Don't forget to bring back water from your summer adventures, whether from afar or your backyard!** The drops we bring will join with those of others, symbolizing once again the re-creation of our faith community. The service will be less than an hour and will include song and story. We will return to 2 services this Sunday.

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger.

The Adult Choir will return in full force to lead the Congregation in Jason Shelton's song *All Lifted Hearts* during the water communion. Bring your hearty voices and let's fill the Sanctuary with that great Cedar Lane sound!!!



September 20, 2009

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

“Ela Bhatt’s Questions”

The Rev. Ken MacLean, Minister Emeritus

We will explore questions posed by Ela Bhatt in her commencement address at the Harvard Kennedy School. Ken MacLean served as senior minister at Cedar Lane from 1972 to 1992.

ROAD CLOSURE

On September 13 Cedar Lane (the road) will be closed to traffic from 7:40 a.m. until 8:51 a.m. We will be having a service at 9 a.m. You will be able to access Cedar Lane after 8:51 or you can choose to take back roads. Exit 495 at Connecticut Ave, head north and make a left at the second light, Culver St. Follow Culver St for .5 miles. CLUUC's driveway will be on the left.

The Sunday Morning Forum meets at 10:10 - 10:55 a.m. in the Chalice House. Coffee is served.

September 13: Friends of Chernobyl Center U.S.

Cedar Lane's Don Cleary will describe the work of **FOCCUS**, an organization that brought relief to victims of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident, and that today fosters the social and civic development of communities in Ukraine. Don visited Ukraine in May, and will host a delegation of officials from Ukraine, sponsored by the Open World Leadership Center of the Library of Congress, beginning September 19.

September 20: The Future of Journalism

Charlie Firestone, Executive Director, Communication and Society Program of the Aspen Institute. Newspapers set the bar for serious journalism and set the agenda for local news. Will their decline of revenue over the past few years signal an end to journalism as we know it? What new forms of journalism can we expect in the years ahead

We Care News

The We Care program is a network led by volunteers who reach out to address short-term needs – food deliveries, rides to doctor's appointments, a listening ear in the event of a loss. The Cedar Lane congregation is organized geographically by "neighborhoods"; each neighborhood has at least one chairperson to coordinate support. Look at your nametag or the map in the church office to find your neighborhood.

We mourn the passing of **Margaret Bingman (Neighborhood 8)** who died on August 25 from complications from a fall. Margaret joined Cedar Lane in 1969 and, among other activities, was active in Martha's Table, Religious Education, a Dinner/Discussion group, the Gourmet Club and a number of book groups. She will be missed by many in our community. Her service has been scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 20th. Her daughter, Annette Olmert, plans to cater a meal after the service and would appreciate knowing how many to plan for. Please email her at Annette@mortgageadv/.com if you expect to be able to make it.

Update on **Bobbie Nelson**: Bobbie has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home. For now, please only contact her by mail until she gets her full strength back. Thankfully, the prognosis is good and she received excellent medical care. Bobbie thanks the many Cedar Laners who have reached out with their care and concern.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of **Donna Czajkowski (N99)** who died on July 26 after a long illness at the age of 90. As her memorial was private, we share this short remembrance: "Donna lived a full life with values born in her early life on a farm in West Minnesota. These values carried her through her employment with the federal government during WWII, her married life with Norman and her motherhood to two sets of twin girls – Cary, Gerry, Dale and Gail. She imparted these life values not so much with words as with deeds and her open and honest treatment of all who came to know her."

Hooray for **Kay Gottesman** and **Bob Grafton (N7)** as they welcome a new granddaughter! Lilah Pagani Gottesman was born on July 18 in New York City.

Congratulations are with **Jim Anderson (N5)** as he and his partner **Janet Cromer** married on August 8 in Boston. As Janet will be moving to Bethesda, we look forward to welcoming her to the Cedar Lane community!

Our hearts also go out to **Eleanor Melville (N9)** and her family as they mourn the death of her daughter Emily, whose struggle with cancer ended on July 27. A Service in Celebration of Her Life was held on August 1 at Cedar Lane. We celebrate with Cedar Lane member and State Senator **Rich Madaleno (N10)** as he received the "Legislator of the Year" award by the National Council on Alcohol & Drug Dependency of Maryland and the "Outstanding Service Award" from the Maryland Association of Community Services for his work advocating for developmentally

disabled people.

Our love and care go out to **David Stewart** and **Nancy Floreen (N9)** as they mourn the death of David's mother, who died on July 15 in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the age of 92.

Congratulations to Cedar Lane **Phyllis Naylor (N30)** for publishing her latest book: *Faith, Hope, and Ivy June*, the story of a relationship between two middle school girls of very different backgrounds. You can check it out for yourself in the CLUUC library. ("It's terrific!" says our resident critic of children's literature, Susan Archer.)

Our condolences go to **Jenny Foster** and **Matthew Heller** and their sons **Jeremy, Joshua** and **Adam (N31)**. Jenny's stepfather, Mike Seeger, died of cancer on August 7.

Hooray for **Vivienne Patton (N27)** and her family as they celebrate two marriages: **Alec** and Briony, and **Andrew** and Itzel! The weddings were officiated by Cedar Lane alumna, the Rev. **Cinnamon Daniel**. It all happened on August 1 in the Patton yard, accompanied by much music. Our love goes to all of you!

Housewarming wishes are with **Eloise Adams (N5)** as she moves to a new apartment in her building on September 2 after many years in her previous unit.

Good News from our Partner Church: The daughter of our Partner Church ministers, **Nagy Csilla**, married her long-time sweetheart in a ceremony in Dicsöszentmárton in early August. Nagyszeru! (Great!) Good wishes may be sent to Endre and Dodi at unitar.nagy@gmail.com.

Joy and Sorrow: Our best wishes are with **Barbara Ricketts (N24)** as she and her family grieve the death of Barbara's beloved aunt Joyce. We also rejoice that Barbara has welcomed a healthy new nephew, Chance, into the world.

Should you know of a member of our community in personal need, you are encouraged to reach out to them. If you learn that this person wishes to receive a response from the church, please contact Heather Janules at x204 or hjanules@cedarlane.org. All ministers offer pastoral care to our members so you are also encouraged to contact any member of the ministerial team.

Music Notes from the Director of Music

Yes, there will be a Concert Series!!!

Concerts at Cedar Lane will present four performances in the coming season. The performances will be held in the Auditorium throughout the fall, winter, and spring. All performances will be free and open to the public. Good Will donations will be accepted to support honorariums for our artists. Starting in September, keep an eye out for our publicity materials on the web site, on the CLUUC bulletin boards, and in the lounge following Sunday services.

Yes, there will be an "Ad Hoc" Choir!!!

This will be a "user friendly" singing group for all ages. Beginning in October, this choir will meet on the first Sunday of the month in the Chapel following our Sunday services. We will sing easier songs and hymns and help you become more comfortable with the common hymns and songs that are sung during worship.

Yes, September is "CHOIR TIME"

Make sure to sign up for a choir!

Wednesday evenings (beginning September 9, 2009)

Adult Choir - 7:30-9:45 pm

Thursday evenings (beginning September 17, 2009)

Children's Choir - 6:00-6:30 pm (1st - 4th grade)

Youth Choir - 6:30-7:15 pm (5th grade and up)

Youth Handbell Choir - 7:15-8:00 pm (5th grade and up)

Intergenerational Handbell Choir - 8:00-9:15 pm (7th grade to adult)

Religious Education Notes

Classes for Children and Youth Begin September 20!

Our teachers and teen assistants, our friendly volunteer administrators, and our MRE and RE Administrators will be ready and waiting for babies to teens, even while our Senior High Youth Group will be on retreat at Camp Tockwogh! It will be wonderful to be together once again!

RE Registration

Thank you to all the families who have already turned in their RE forms, your registrations are complete! For those who have not, we truly need your forms, NOW. It helps us immensely to have accurate information as we prepare rooms, materials and staff to provide a loving welcome when the children and youth arrive.

If you haven't registered and don't seem to have an email from us (sent in June) call us at 301-493-8300 x207 to get materials, or even better, go to the church website, www.cedarlane.org, click on the RE registration button, print out the forms (including the registration card), fill them in and mail or bring them to the church and your registration will be done! The RE Brochure and registration forms are also available on the counter under the name tags in the sanctuary.

Teachers

This year, we are again fortunate to have an amazing staff! And yes, we are still looking for a few more! Please contact Susan Archer in the church office if this might be a possibility for you. Teacher Orientation is on Saturday, September 12, 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. If you have not already RSVPed, please call the office!

Something New this Year!

This year the RE Council will be working with teachers to provide Open House opportunities. During class time, parents are invited to participate in a class, get to know the teachers and one another, and get a better idea of the curriculum. Simple, light refreshments will be served. Not all grades will participate, as some classes have already built a similar event into their schedule. However, most will have this opportunity. Relationship is at the heart of a faith community, and this will help us all to make connections and deepen them. The Open House Schedule will be sent to parents/care givers in each class. Watch for your invitation!

Want to Get Connected to a Few Other Families with Children and Youth?

This year we will be offering opportunities to be part of a “Family Triad”, a n informal way for your family to get to know two others. It works this way: three families will be matched together with the goal of getting together three times over the course of the RE year. Ages of the children/youth will be one factor used to make the “matching.” Each family will be responsible for organizing one “gathering.”

The gathering could be a backyard picnic, a hike, an afternoon at the zoo, dinner, or . . . whatever you decide is easy and fun.

This is meant to be an easy, low stress way to meet and enjoy others. More information on how to sign up will be sent in late September to families with children and youth registered in RE. In the future, the program may also include families and individuals without children!

Children and Youth Worship Associates

This year we are formalizing ways to offer leadership and participation in Sunday morning worship in the sanctuary to children in grades 2–6 and to youth in grades 7–12. Opportunities may range from readings to ringing a chime, from lighting a chalice to designing a cover for an order of service or artwork for the “big screen,” helping to welcome/greet and more. Information detailing these opportunities and how to sign up will be sent to those in Grades 2–12 in September! Want to know more? Contact Susan Archer, our Minister of Religious Education.

Many Thanks to Amazing Chair Washers

If in the next weeks you wonder how the blue plastic chairs you (or our children) are using got to be so amazingly squeaky clean, you should know that several Cedar Laners dedicated many hours to make that happen! Led by Linda Daniel, three of our youth—Fuad Balashov, Claire Bergey, and Will Yarrington—plus Glenis Bellais, John Daniel, Gale Luce, and Jeannette Wilson scrubbed, hosed, dried and polished for a very long time. Mickey Sigsbee got all the “stuff” in place for the project. Many thanks to EACH OF YOU for this service to the rest of us.

Adult Programs Notes

It's Gold!

It's in the mail!

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Adult Programs

Fall Brochure!

Celebrate the season by joining Cedar Laners in the riches being offered this fall. You'll want to read through the entire brochure to make sure not to miss exciting opportunities to stretch your mind and body and just have fun. Make your selections, complete the registration card tucked into each brochure, and return it with payment to the RE office. This year we have included two cards, so invite a friend. The details are in the brochure!

The Adult Programs Committee will be accepting registrations in the lounge on Sundays, September 20 and 27, after services.

Two classes begin the last week of September:

Eating Lower on the Food Chain **and** A Beginners Guide to Celestial Tourism

Classes beginning in early October:

Science and Religion, Exploring Mortality, Theological Wonderings, Meditation, The Philosophy Club, Wednesday Conversations with Roger, A Death in the Family/ Practical Realities, T'ai Chi, Continuing Yoga, and an Underground Railroad Experience Hike.

Ongoing programs are welcoming new participants, so be sure to consider joining a Connection Circle, support group, or a dinner discussion group. Other activities include The Alliance, Cedar Lane Quilters, the Choir, the Flower Committee, RE Council, Adult Programs Committee, and much more. The details are in the brochure! Brochures and registration cards have been mailed to every household, but if for some reason you do not receive one, they can be found on our website at www.cedarlane.org. In the lefthand column find Adult Programs and click on Fall 2009 catalog. A copy of the registration card can be downloaded. If you prefer a paper copy, call the RE office at 301-493-8300x207, and we will happily mail one to you.

Cedar Lane Stage

Cedar Lane Stage presents "Doubt: A Parable,"

by John Patrick Shanley.

Where does one find the balance between faith and uncertainty? It is an all-too-rare occasion for a play to succeed in both entertaining and challenging its audiences. John Patrick Shanley's "Doubt: A Parable" is just such a play. Set in 1964 at a parochial school in the Bronx, this Pulitzer Prize-winning drama goes far beyond the limits of its plot to explore the complex experience of its title. Through a suspenseful "did he or didn't he?" tale woven by a cast of diverse and engaging characters, Shanley captures the thought and discussion on a much broader scale. With dialogue rich with authenticity, emotional truth and wit, this outstanding work is an exceptional example of how superb writing can transcend the boundaries of a particular production or cast of actors. "Doubt: A Parable" presents artists and audiences alike the opportunity to participate in a theatrical experience that not only provokes passionate discourse, but leaves an emotional impression that is unforgettable.

Cast members for this powerful drama include CLUUC's own Jane MacFarlane as Sister Aloysius, with Meg Williams as Sister James, Tom McGrath as Father Flynn, and Kelly Armstrong as Mrs. Muller. Show opens Friday, **October 9.**

WEB CONFERENCE 2009

Growing Community Seeding our Electronic Garden

A **FREE** meeting for web beginners to web masters on exploring ways to use networking devices, programs, and products for personal and congregational development, retention, organization, programming and outreach.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (optional networking time afterward)

Registration, breakfast, lunch and child care is FREE!

Choose one session or bring 4 friends so that all sessions can be shared !!!

- Sharing Best Congregational Web Practices
- Regional Web Cooperation
- UU Twitter and Facebook
- YUUR church website
- YaYA (Youth and Young Adult) Connections

General session- Church without walls: All attendees will explore together the concept and realities of growing a web-based church.

Opening and closing worship with Rev. E. Scott Sammler-Michael

For more info and to register online go to <http://liftingup.org>.

Social Justice Council

'GREEN TIPS'

Environmental Task Force

Composting Tips

Although Montgomery County incinerates its household trash, landfills are still in use in other parts of the region. Organic waste buried in landfills decomposes without oxygen, and the resulting has 21 times the impact of CO2. Composting averts this problem while creating a natural fertilizer and soil conditioner for your yard and garden. No matter where you live, you can reduce your refuse load significantly. If you use an open-style bin, such as those offered at the Woodend Sanctuary Shop or free from the County, and you are worried about vermin, limit your pile to yard waste. A closed bin, kept moist and turned over frequently, can be a repository for grass, leaves, eggshells, coffee grounds, tea bags, fruit peelings, and the like. Always avoid composting meat, fish, fat/oil, and dairy products.

Looking for your inner dancer?

The Cedar Lane Dancers have existed for 50 years under the leadership of Joan Shannon. This group is open to Cedar Laners and others. Some of you may have been among the earliest attenders. Please come join us on Tuesday evenings from Oct. through May at 7:00 - 8:30 pm as Marcy Kraft and Joan Shannon teach class. This is a warm, congenial class where minimal dance experience is required. A year or two of Modern or Ballet at some point in your life would suffice. This class hopes to benefit both body and soul. Please come join us as we dance create and share a warm accepting class experience. For further info contact Marcy Kraft (mkraft5960@comcast.net).

Camp Fire Group Registration

Cedar Lane hosts the Bethesda-DC Camp Fire USA family group – an inclusive scouting alternative. There will be registration/orientation for members on Sunday, September 13 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Regular meetings occur monthly from 5-7 p.m. on the first Sunday from October to May and includes group activities and potluck dinner. This is a family club, so one parent or guardian is asked to come with their child/ren to participate and on occasion, to lead activities. The group already has planned a fall family camping trip October 17-18 and

several fun field trips, including a family hike on November 8 (rather than meeting). Camp Fire USA was founded in 1910 as the Camp Fire Girls, but has included boys since 1973. The club has 2 levels: Starflight for Gr K-2 and Adventure for Gr 3-6. Older and younger siblings can also participate depending on planned activities. Camp Fire USA is fully inclusive in its membership and does not discriminate based on race, religious belief, sexual orientation, disability, socioeconomic status or any other aspect of diversity. The coordinators are UU minister Richard Nugent and his wife Eileen Kane. National dues are \$60 for the entire family and \$44 per child for the year. For more information, please e-mail leader Eileen at Ekane98@aol.com or call her at 202-686-4152. For more information: www.campfireusa.org and www.campfireusa-patuxent.org

Note from the Senior Minister

The joys of August:

I started using *Facebook* and I find it is a way to keep in touch. I am ready to accept “friends.” If you are interested, send me a link.

Also in August I have been enjoying the view out my office window. Two newborn deer and their mother made the church grounds their home for a time. I know the county struggles with an excess of deer, but still I enjoy watching them out my office window.

Male and female cardinals are often outside my office window. They have been flying into the glass and into the glass of the window in the church library. The theory is that they see their own image reflected in the glass, think it is another bird, and to protect their territory, they fly at the other bird to scare it off. I find that if I open the window a little, they stop.

If this is not enough excitement, a rabbit occasionally appears, and eats foliage all afternoon. And of course I see many squirrels and butterflies. I rejoice for this forest full of life outside my office window.

The trials of August: The night of Friday, August 7, we had two computers taken from the church. Around the same time someone also took the street signs on Cedar Lane promoting the Summer Services. One computer was mine, a Dell laptop several years old. I protected it with a password, making it difficult for anyone to get to the files. I do not write confidential information into computer files, so even if the thief gets access to the files, she or he will mostly have old sermons that anyone can find on the web. My last full backup was March 21, so I have lost all the files from that date on. If you sent me an email before August 7 and have not heard back from me, it is because I lost the message when the thief took the computer.

Because my computer was behind two locked doors and the thief did not damage the doors, it is likely that he or she had a key. We have changed the locks.

Look forward: These days I take my new computer home each evening. I shut the window, saying goodnight to the deer, the birds, and the squirrels, and I look forward with excitement to a new church year.

Roger Fritts

Kiplinger Lecture

When—if ever—is war morally justified?

That’s a question to be addressed by our 2009 Kiplinger lecturer, Paul Razor. Currently, Razor is Director of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom at Virginia Wesleyan College. Some years ago, he held a similar position at Pendle Hill Quaker Study Center. He has taught at Harvard Divinity School, Andover Newton Theological School, and several law schools.

Dr. Razor plans to explore “just war,” pacifism,” and more recent concepts in his lecture. He will suggest “just policing” and “just peacemaking” as responses to terrorism and war.

Plan to be there—Saturday, November 21, 2 p.m.

IS ANYONE OUT THERE LISTENING?!

The Breakthrough Task Force is listening and we want to hear from you...
Let's Look at Cedar Lane in a New Way.

Please join us on October 17, for a day devoted to listening, sharing, discovering, and dreaming. You may have heard of the Breakthrough Task Force and our charge from the Board to engage the congregation and learn what about Cedar Lane matters to YOU!

Over the past year, we've talked to groups and committees, but since this represents just part of our church community and we want to include as many voices as possible, we're holding a church-wide session...

We will listen and explore your thoughts on:

- Cedar Lane's strengths and how we can build on them,
- Help vision where you want to see Cedar Lane in 5 years,
- What you like and what you would like to see in worship, RE, social justice, governing, grounds, music, and any other area of congregational life that is important to you.

This is an opportunity for you to share your views, provide your input and have your voice heard. It will be an energetic and thoughtful time of sharing ideas in welcoming community.

When: October 17, starting at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Register: Call the church office at 301-493-8300
E-mail breakthrough9601@gmail.com

The Rev. Roger Fritts *Senior Minister*

The Rev. Susan Archer *Minister of Religious Education*

The Rev. Heather Janules *Associate Minister*

The Rev. Archene Turner *Coordinator of Senior High Youth Ministry*

The Rev. Leslie Westbrook *Community Minister in Pastoral Counseling*

The Rev. Kenneth Torquil MacLean *Minister Emeritus*

The Rev. Roberta M. Nelson *Minister Emerita*

Dr. Henry Sgrecci *Director of Music*

Thomas Guthrie, *Organist*

Duncan Ferguson *Chair, Board of Trustees*

Sara Deshler *Church Administrator*

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